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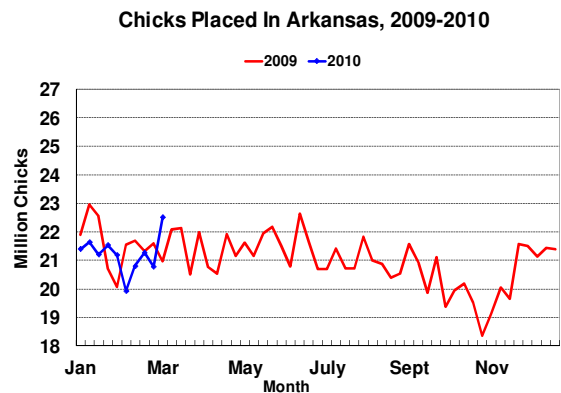
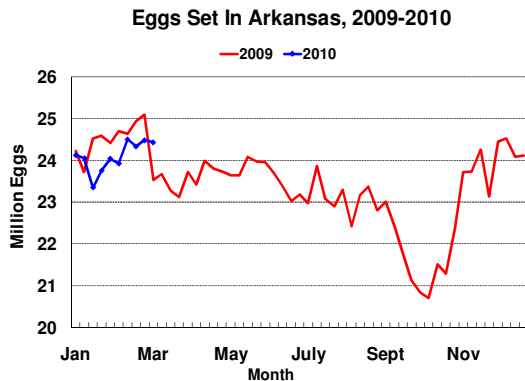


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### Arkansas Chick Placements Up 7 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.5 million during the week ending March 6, 2010. Placements were up 7 percent from the comparable week in 2009 and up 8 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 6, 2010, up 4 percent from the same period last year but down slightly from the previous week.



### Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, February 6, 2010 - March 6, 2010

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	6-Feb	13-Feb	20-Feb	27-Feb	6-Mar	6-Feb	13-Feb	20-Feb	27-Feb	6-Mar
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,407	29,791	30,090	30,106 *	30,031	20,420	20,296	20,884	20,739 *	20,701
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>23,926</b>	<b>24,504</b>	<b>24,333</b>	<b>24,481 *</b>	<b>24,429</b>	<b>19,920</b>	<b>20,798</b>	<b>21,265</b>	<b>20,773 *</b>	<b>22,509</b>
Delaware	3,225	3,269	3,266	3,264	3,193	4,577	4,512	3,911	5,629	3,625
Florida	1,389	1,352	1,376	1,385	1,338	1,081	1,029	1,104	1,040	1,037
Georgia	31,757	31,630	31,902	31,747 *	31,594	25,908	26,329	25,852	26,205 *	25,869
Kentucky	7,561	7,493 *	7,502	7,553 *	7,596	6,138	6,289	6,149	6,110 *	6,009
Louisiana	3,470	3,392	3,470	3,470	3,470	2,955	2,929	3,014	3,049	3,032
Maryland	8,741	8,904	9,069	9,106	9,062	6,252	5,800	5,808	5,316 *	6,589
Mississippi	19,390	19,380 *	19,016	19,465	19,349	16,484	16,259	16,617	16,897	17,174
N. Carolina	18,767	18,737 *	18,864	18,763	18,772	15,072	14,868	15,010 *	15,411	15,299
Oklahoma	6,850	6,807 *	7,003	6,924 *	6,889	4,305	4,557	4,863	4,505	3,103
Pennsylvania	3,168	3,620	3,693	3,698 *	3,583	2,957	2,932	2,646	2,609 *	2,884
S. Carolina	5,435	5,515	5,675	5,977	5,643	4,613	4,952	4,982	5,071	5,156
Texas	15,876 *	15,973 *	16,150 *	15,813 *	15,453	12,407	12,239	12,960	13,167	13,254
Virginia	6,301	6,490	6,435	6,427	6,549	4,412	4,731	4,948	4,561	5,751
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,805	18,882	18,989 *	19,647 *	19,193	15,767	16,095	15,799	17,172 *	16,888
19 State Total	204,068 *	205,739 *	206,833 *	207,826 *	206,144	163,268	164,615	165,812 *	168,254 *	168,880
Prev. Year Total	201,805	202,817	204,603	206,753	202,111	168,018	167,039	163,431	166,495	167,577
% of Prev. Year	101	101	101	101	102	97	99	101	101	101

\* Revised in current week.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 6, 2010. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 6, 2010. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through March 6, 2010 were 1.50 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.